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Applicants: Y. NAGAI et al.
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Examiner: N. Rosen

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REQUEST FOR COPY OF FORM PTO-1449 MISSING FROM
OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF JULY 10, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 2002

Sir:

The Office communication dated August 29, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application indicating that the Reply Brief of August 19, 2002, has been entered and considered is acknowledged.

Reference is made to the Office communication of July 10, 2002, wherein the Examiner states as follows in pertinent part:

In response to Applicant's letter of June 5, 2002, Examiner has found and considered a copy of the Nikkei Electronics article, and signed the latest IDS submitted by Applicant, initialing the Nikkei Electronics article as having been considered. A copy is included with this letter.

By "the latest IDS submitted by Applicant", the Examiner apparently means the replacement form PTO-1449 included in the

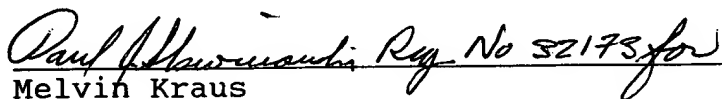
paper entitled "Submission of Replacement Form PTO-1449 and Request for Copy of Replacement Form PTO-1449 with All Listed References Initialed by Examiner" which the applicants filed on June 5, 2002.

However, when the Office communication of July 10, 2002, was received in the office of the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below, the initialed copy of the replacement form PTO-1449 from the paper of June 5, 2002, which was supposed to be included in the Office communication of July 10, 2002, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office communication of July 10, 2002, was missing from the Office communication of July 10, 2002.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue an Office communication providing the initialed copy of the replacement form PTO-1449 which was missing from the Office communication of July 10, 2002.

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